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SUBJECT:PROPOSED VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA

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1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER CALLED UPON UNDER SECRETARY BENSON APRIL 12 CONCERNING VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA. SWEDES UNDERSTAND INDIA WILL DECIDE ON DPSA DURING APRIL 24-27 TIMEFRAME. WACHTMEISTER MADE NOW FAMILIAR PITCH FOR POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF SWEDISH REQUEST, SAYING THAT SWEDEN WOULD LIKE U.S. RESPONSE PRIOR TO APRIL 24. IF, HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL TIME WAS LIKELY TO LEAD TO POSITIVE USG DECISION, THE SWEDES WOULD UNDERSTAND THE USG NEED FOR DELAY.

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UNDER SECRETARY DISCUSSED THE PRESIDENT'S ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT POLICY, STRESSED THE DIFFICULTY WHICH THIS DECISION POSED FOR U.S., EXPLAINED THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE, AND EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SWEDE'S DELICATE POSITION.

2. WACHTMEISTER ALSO MENTIONED HE PLANS TO TAKE UP THE

SWEDISH CASE FOR THE VIGGEN SALE WITH NSC ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI. VANCE

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